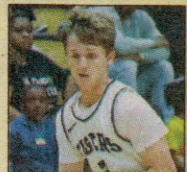


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## Winter storm drops over 8 inches of snow in parts of Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Snowfall reached the local area around noontime Tuesday, Jan. 21, and it continued to fall well into the night hours as the inches piled up. Once the snowstorm cleared, the Elba and Coffee County area was left with up to eight inches of snow and more in some localized spots.

"From the preliminary reports from the National Weather Service in Tallahassee [Florida], Coffee County had the highest reported amount of snowfall in our area," Coffee County EMA director Grant Lyons said. "The Damascus community reported 8.75 inches of snow from last week's winter storm. This was a historic snow event for us."

An impassable roads advisory was issued as the snowfall increased last Tuesday afternoon for Elba and Coffee County. Lyons said that advisory was lifted at 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24th.

Coffee County Deputies worked many accidents dur-

ing the time snow and then ice covered the area, according to Lyons.

"In total there were 400 calls for service over the winter storm event in Coffee County," he said. "Mostly, these were non-injury type calls."

He said that total includes all first responders [law enforcement, emergency medical services, and fire departments]. Lyons said it also includes calls for utilities.

"We are thankful for our first responders, dispatchers, and highway department," Lyons said. "These men and women worked through-

calls and work to help make roads passable as quickly and safely as possible."

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Jan. 27, Police Chief Shayne

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Arnett said overall it was a relatively calm event for his department as no accidents were reported within the Elba City Limits.

"We mostly received calls for things outside the city limits but within our police jurisdiction," Arnett said. "Fortunately, these were mostly calls to assist motorists that had slid off the roadways. No major accidents."

Arnett and City Clerk Sally

Bane reported that most citizens in Elba followed the warnings to stay home and off the roadways during the snow, and they said that helped greatly in keeping everyone safe.

"With people staying home, it also helped keep our emergency responders safe too," Bane said.

In the days following the snow as the area continued to deal with very cold temperatures and icy conditions, a house fire Thursday, Jan. 23 in Elba, however, may have been caused by an electrical issue from operating heaters within the home, according to initial reports. This home was a total loss

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This was the scene last Thursday morning, Jan. 23, on Alabama Hwy. 189 N about 7 miles outside the Elba City limits after an 18-wheeler jackknifed on the icy roadway. This portion of the road was closed to traffic for several hours officials worked to get the truck moving again.



Elba High School's Keelie Moseley is serving this year as a FCCLA [Family Career, and Community Leaders of America] state officer, and she had the incredible honor Monday, Jan. 27, of attending Alabama Governor Kay Ivey's signing of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Proclamation at the state capitol in Montgomery. Moseley proudly represented FCCLA and Elba High School while advocating for the importance of Career and Technical Education in shaping future leaders. The proclamation signed by the governor designates the Month of February as Career and Technical Education Month in Alabama. The event was attended by all Career and Technical Student Organizations, including FCCLA. Above, the FCCLA state officers are pictured during their visit to the state capitol on Monday. They are: (front, l to r) Adalin Thrower, 1st Vice President; Chandler Sprader, VP of Community Service; Olivia Jackson, VP of STAR Events; (back, l to r) Alondro Rojo, VP of Membership; Peyton Graham, President; and Elba's Keelie Moseley, VP of National Programs. Keelie is the daughter of Chris and Jennifer Moseley of Elba, and she is currently a junior at Elba High School.



**ELBA HOME DESTROYED BY FIRE...**The Elba Volunteer Fire Department was dispatched Thursday afternoon, Jan. 23, to 920 Payne Street where a fully engulfed house fire was reported shortly after 3 p.m. Upon arrival on scene the firefighters found the home had been overtaken by the flames. They immediately went to work trying to contain the blaze and prevent it from spreading. The occupants of the home were able to escape without injury, but they lost everything to the fire. Electrical heaters were being used at the time the fire began to warm the home, and it was suspected this may have resulted in an electrical issue thus causing the house fire. The Elba Fire Department received mutual aid from the Ino and New Brockton fire departments at the scene.

## Elba City Council receives positive snow storm report for city

The Elba City Council met Monday evening, Jan. 27, for the second regular bi-monthly meeting in January where the council discussed last week's snow-storm event.

City clerk Sally Bane asked council members if they had any feedback on how the city handled things or suggestions as to handle things differently in the future. She said it was unusual in that the city offices were closed, expect for essential workers or those who had to be called in for work, for several days in a row.

"In our area, we are more accustomed to dealing with rainstorm events that come through quickly, and we are able to return to work after a day or so," Bane said. "Last week's snow and ice presented a different scenario

**NOTICE:**  
The Elba City Council will hold a work session Monday, Feb. 10, at 4:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall to discuss garbage services and rates, council members and mayor Salaries for the next administration, and sewer tap fees. Work sessions are open to the public.

for us in that we had the snow and ice to deal with for several days."

Bane said the city offices were closed Tuesday afternoon and remained closed through Friday. She said this was mostly because the roadways in the county and

city were deemed impassable until Friday afternoon.

Bane said the decision was made because city leaders felt it would not be appropriate to have an impassable roads notice in effect but then ask city employees to get on those same roads to come to work.

"We just felt like that would not look well on us to tell our citizens to stay off the roads if possible, but we tell our employees to get on them to travel to work," she said.

Council members agreed with that decision.

Council member Gappa Wise said it might have been okay to open the city offices on Friday afternoon, but he concurred that it was an unusual situation that all were learning from at the same time.

In general, council members said they were pleased with the way city hall employees and others handled the storm. They said they felt the appropriate decisions were made.

Additionally, council member Jane Brunson said she was happy to see that for the most part the citizens heeded the warnings to stay off the roads if possible. She said she believes that went a long way in keeping Elba and its people safe during the storm.

Also, during the meeting, council members approved a proclamation noting that January is human trafficking awareness and prevention month.

The next Elba City Council meeting will be Monday, Feb. 10, at 5:30 p.m.

## Area Happenings

**Altrusa of Jack will host "It's a Galentines Celebration. Yall!"** on Saturday, Feb. 1, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Elba Theatre, 231 Court Ave., Elba, Ala. This will include shopping, food, drinks, contests, prizes, and more. Proceeds to benefit the Coffee County Chapter of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. Advance tickets are \$20 (there is a limited supply). Open to those age 18 and older. Must show valid ID for alcohol purchases.

**An Elba High School Blood Drive**, benefitting the LifeSouth Community Blood Center, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 11, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the HOSA Room at Elba High School. All who are willing to donate are encouraged to participate.

**The Elba City Council and Water and Electric Board** will hold a joint work session Monday, March 10, beginning at 4:30 p.m., at All In Credit Union, 402 Collier St., Elba, to tour the facility. Work sessions are open to the public to attend.



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Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Monday, Jan. 20, 2025, through Monday, Jan. 27, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center – **Monday, Jan. 20** – Trespassing/Unwanted



**Cuzin Lou Lou's**

Tales from Yonder

*Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression*

The snowmageddon of 2025 proved to be a fun time for the Yonder gang last week as Cuzin Lou Lou, Sister, and Papa enjoyed the thrills that come with several inches of snow. It also proved that "Southern folk" just don't know what to do or how to act when they get lots of the white stuff...at least that was the case for Sister!

Sister has always loved the snow, and she prays annually for it to snow in the South. Well, she got her wish and then some last week.

As the inches of snow began piling up in the Yonder Gang's front yard, Sister and Lou Lou ventured out to let the kid inside them come out and play in the unfamiliar. There were snowballs thrown, snow angels made, and then, there was Sister's attempt at snow sledding!

Sister located a piece of cardboard that she felt would do the trick for her to enjoy a quick slide down the yard. Mind you...that piece of cardboard was about the size of a cereal box!

"I think this will work!" Sister joyfully said to Lou Lou after finding the cardboard.

"Absolutely!" was Lou Lou's response knowing this was going to be a funny disaster.

There was no way that little piece of cardboard was going to work, but there also was no way she was going to tell Sister either. She was ready for this priceless moment!

Outside the two went with Papa watching from the front door! Even he wanted to see this one.

Of course, Little Bean had to be right there in the middle of the action, so she put those little paws in the snow and ran after Lou Lou and Sister even though she wasn't exactly sure how she felt about that cold white stuff on the ground!

"Let me get in front of you so I can get a good video," Lou Lou yelled to Sister before she gave her slide a go. "Alright! I've give you a countdown. 1...2...3!" Plop!

No doubt about it! Sister gave it her best effort...only problem was she hit the ground, and that little piece of cardboard flew out in front of her! The result...a big 'ole face plant!!

The absolute best part was hearing Papa's roaring chuckle from the front door!! Sister had managed to give the entire Yonder Gang the best moment ever for Snowmageddon 2025!!

Even days later, they would be sitting in the living room all cozy underneath blankets, and Lou Lou would start laughing.

"What is it?" a curious Sister would ask.

"Just your video!" was Lou Lou's reply. "I can't get enough of it!"

Of course, Sister would supply one of her famous eyerolls to that response, but she couldn't help but to join in the laughter! It was the best!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

Guest reported at 472 Claxton Ave N (4:41 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a verbal warning.

**Tuesday, Jan. 21** – Vehicle accident reported at 5135 County Rd 364 (1:54 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at Hwy 84 and Cty Rd 400 (2:30 p.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 1301 Claxton Ave N (4:22 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at Hwy 84 and Cty Rd 501 (4:35 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at Reese Ave and Davis St W (10:21 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on the Troy Hwy (11:15 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one verbal warning.

**Wednesday, Jan. 22** – Routine activity. No traffic stops.

**Thursday, Jan. 23** – Road blockage reported at 20112 Hwy 189 (7:39 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 20668 Hwy 87 (11:59 a.m.); Structure fire reported at 920 Payne St (3:19 p.m.). No traffic stops.

**Friday, Jan. 24** – Suspicious circumstances reported at 1625 Parker St (7:54 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in written warnings.

**Saturday, Jan. 25** – Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (6:39 a.m.); Rolling domestic reported in area of Hwy 87 and County Rd 403 (9:23 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 153 Larkin Rd (12:42 p.m.); Civil complaint reported at 723 Williams Ave S (2:29 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1157 Morrow Ave – w/impound (10:46 p.m.). Six traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, four written warnings, and one citation.

**Sunday, Jan. 26** – Suspicious vehicle reported at 990 Hwy 203 (12:14 a.m.); Shoplifting reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (11:24 a.m.); Vehicle accident reported at 610 Troy Hwy (5:51 p.m.); Disorderly person reported at 13083 Hwy 84 (6:33 p.m.); Noise complaint reported at 1113 Oak Ave (9:38 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in two written warnings.

**Monday, Jan. 27** – Suspicious person reported at 993 Hwy 203 (1:06 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 638 Claxton Ave N (3:18 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 892 Claxton Ave N (6:03 p.m.); Reckless driver reported in area of Hwy 84 and Cty Rd 400 (6:45 p.m.). One traffic stop resulted in a written warning.

Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Editor

Whether you called it the Blizzard, Snowmageddon, or Snowpaycalypse of 2025, last week's record breaking snow for our portion of the country was something special! We measured just over 8 inches of snow at our home for the snow event!! It was unlike anything we, personally, had ever seen or experienced here in South Alabama. It took several days for the snow to completely melt and go away, and during that time, the snow can be credited for creating a time of 'slow down and enjoy life' for many. What we noticed at our own home, in spending time with friends, and from seeing posts on social media was that most took the unexpected break from the norm to have fun and enjoy the winter weather. Young and old played in the snow doing things like making snow angels, sledding down hills, having snowball fights, and make snow cream. Seeing everyone enjoy the snow and realizing the pure joy being experienced was worth it all in our opinion. Often we get too caught up in everyday life and forget to enjoy the things that bring us happiness. Last week, the weather forced us to slow down, and it turned out to be a great time for most of us! Now, we are not saying we want snow to become a norm for us around here, and we are glad to be back to our regular routine this week...but for a few days...well...it was magical and great seeing so many smiles!!

Last week, we announced we would be taking on a new job with the City of Elba as recreation director. Well...this week, we want to add to our announcement. If all goes as planned, we will sign the paperwork at the end of this week to become the new owner of The Elba Clipper! This has been a dream of ours for many years to one day own the newspaper we have worked at for more than two decades. We had the best mentor in the business in Ferrin Cox, and are thrilled to know we will now be able to take all we learned from him and continue The Elba Clipper tradition for our readers! Mr. Ferrin has been the best "boss man" we could have ever asked for in this life, but now we want him to enjoy his time kicked back in a recliner and reading a good book...or even better...a 'hot of the press' edition of a newspaper! He has more than earned this time to relax now in life, and we wish him only the best as he continues to get better daily health-wise and keep his kids and grandkids on their toes keeping up with him. Mr. Ferrin will always be the heartbeat of The Elba Clipper as far as we are concerned, and we only hope we can be half as good at "keeping you in the know" as he has been for over 60-something years. This is a new adventure we are looking forward to sharing with you all!!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor,**

The overwhelming generosity of the people of Elba, helped provide joy to children in need through Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts this season. Across the U.S., the Samaritan's Purse project collected 10.5 million shoebox gifts in 2024. Combined with those collected from partnering countries in 2024, the ministry is now sending over 11.9 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide.

Shoebox packers brought joy and hope to children around the world through fun, full, personalized gifts. For many children, this is the first gift they have ever received. Each shoebox gift is a tangible expression of God's love, given to children in need around the world. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 232 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

Across the region, shoebox packers often shop for deals on shoebox items throughout the year, and many serve at a deeper level by becoming a year-round volunteer. Information about ways area participants can get involved year-round can also be found at [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ).

Although local Elba dropoff locations for shoebox gifts are closed until Nov. 17 – 24, 2025, anyone can still be a part of this life-changing project by conveniently packing a shoebox gift online in just a few simple clicks at [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline).

These simple gifts, packed with love, remind children around the world that they are loved and not forgotten. Sincerely,

**GreenLee Smith**  
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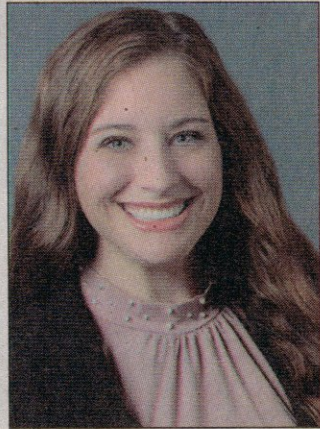
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# CHURCH & AREA NEWS

Tickets on sale now for "Preserve the Love Dinner" set for Feb. 14th in Elba, Alabama

The Elba Historic Preservation Alliance invites all to an unforgettable Valentine's Day experience with the "Preserve the Love" Dinner set for Friday, Feb. 14, at The Elba Theatre.

This special evening celebrates love and community while supporting the newly established Elba Historic Preservation Alliance.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., welcoming guests to a night of fine dining and live entertainment. Roy Hoobler will provide the evening's entertainment, setting the perfect romantic atmosphere. Dinner will be expertly catered by Dawn and Anthony Shiffer, featuring an exquisite menu.

Proceeds from this event will benefit the Elba Historic Preservation Alliance.

Tickets are limited! For more information or to purchase tickets online, please visit <https://square.link/u/l8SOPs0N>. You may also contact Sandy Williams at 334-897-3125 or visit the Elba Chamber of Commerce office at 345 Davis Street for tickets.

## ROUND AND ABOUT w/ ERIA'S DAUGHTER 334-282-2200



Scripture: Psalm 148:1-14

### Thinking of you! Praying for you

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### Unlikely Companions

Peter Miller and Michael Wittman lived in the same Pennsylvania town in the late eighteenth century, other than that bond, they had little in common. Peter was a Preacher, and Michael an evil-minded man who delighted in opposing and humiliating the preacher. Wittman's choices led him on a path that resulted in his being arrested for treason. He was tried, found guilty, and sentenced to death. Upon learning of this, Peter Miller walked seventy miles to Philadelphia

to seek a pardon for his enemy. When George Washington became aware of the circumstances, that Miller was pleading for the life of an enemy, he granted the pardon. As a consequence, these former adversaries became friends. Peter the apostle and Cornelius the centurion both lived in Palestine in the first century. Other than that, they had little in common. Peter was a Jew and Cornelius a Roman. But these two became friends through some unusual circumstances. Luke tells how God appeared to both men in order to bring them together. As a result of the vision, he had Peter walked a number of miles to offer the terms of pardon to Cornelius. As a consequence, these unlikely companions became friends, more than that, they became brothers in the Lord.

### Question/Answer Section

Q/A for the week of 1/30/2025

(Q) When Samuel was old, the elders of Israel asked him to make them a \_\_\_\_\_ to judge them.

(A) King - 1 Samuel 8:5

(Q) In making this request the people were rejecting whom?

(A) God - 1 Samuel 8:7

### Q&A for Week of 2/6/2025 - True or False

(Q) Referring to his death, which was soon to occur, David told his son Solomon, "I go the way of All the Earth".

(Q) God appointed Jeremiah a Prophet by touching a hot coal to his lips.

(Q) When Jeremiah refused to preach God's word was in his heart as a burning fire shut up in his bones.

Today is a good day! Be grateful Eria's Daughter, Sue

## What does the Bible say about... the Church & Salvation?

Article written by Douglas Williams



Ephesians 5:23 states, "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the Savior of the body."

Since Jesus is the Savior of the body, it seems a logical question to ask, "What body, or what is the body?" Earlier in the same book Paul tells us by inspiration that the body is the church. At Ephesians 1:22-23, the Bible tells us that God "Hath put all things under his (Jesus) feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body." Then in Colossians 1:18 we read that Christ "is the head of the body, the church."

The conclusion from Bible teaching is that the church is the spiritual body of Christ, that the body and the church are the same thing. The Bible says, "For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5). In 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, we are given more information about this as Paul

tells us the importance of each member in the body or church of Christ. He shows the comparison of our physical body to the spiritual body of Christ. Our physical body is made up of many members such as our feet, hands, ears, eyes, heads, etc., so Paul shows that the spiritual body of Christ is made up of many members, that is every Christian who has been saved by obedience to Christ. Jesus tells us when we believe, repent, confess, and are baptized, we are saved, and then he adds us to his church (Acts 2:41, 47).

We see then that the church belongs to Christ, and that it is important because the saved are in the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). And Romans 16:16 says, "The churches of Christ salute you."

Salvation is in Christ, and to be in Christ is to be in the church, or the body of Christ.

Are you in Christ? The Bible teaches the only way to get into Christ is by being baptized into Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).

# Obituaries

Obits are updated regularly on our website: [www.elba-clipper.com](http://www.elba-clipper.com)

## MADGE MAERENE WISE

Ms. Madge Maerene Wise, age 89, of Montgomery, Ala., died peacefully Saturday, Jan. 18, 2025, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease.



She was born to Charles Horace and Lottie Mae Owens on March 21, 1935, in Daleville, Ala.

Mae Mae, as her grandchildren fondly called her, was a familiar face at and active supporter of all of her grandchildren's sporting events.

Her love of the Lord also showed in everything she did, and she was a faithful servant all her life. She loved her friends dearly and enjoyed spending time with them going out to dinner, playing games and watching Alabama sports. Heritage Baptist Church and her church family were also integral parts of her life. She joined the church in 1991 and was active in the Senior Life ministries, as well as a member of the Voices of Victory choir, Joyful Servants Life Group and the Women's Ministry Union.

Maerene retired from Alfa Insurance after working in the accounting department for many years.

Graveside services were held Friday, Jan. 24, 2025, in Greenwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Parkinson's foundation or the charity of choice.

Maerene was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Cupidean Plant and brother-in-law Malcolm Plant, brothers Charles Owens and Rex Owens, daughter Rhonda Blitz, and son-in-law Dan Blitz.

Survivors include her son: Gary Wise (Michele); grandchildren: Sam Blitz (Jessica), Alexandra Wise Smith (Bud), and Walker Wise (Bailey); great-grandchildren: Brooks Blitz, Barnes Blitz, Ann Pelham Smith, and Charlie Smith; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.



## MARGARET LOUISE DAVIS

Mrs. Margaret Louise Davis, age 97, formerly of Elba, Ala., died peacefully Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025.



Margaret was born in Coffee County on August 3rd, 1927 to parents Roy and Lela Moore. She spent her entire life in the Elba community, marrying and raising her four children there. She worked at Martin's Mercantile on the Elba square for many years, where she thoroughly enjoyed interacting with so many friends and acquaintances.

Margaret was an amazing cook, a very skilled seamstress, and she loved to read. She adored her family and cherished spending time with all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was the epitome of a "Southern Lady", and her passing has left an irreplaceable void in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing and loving her.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025, from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Dr. Russell Bedsole officiating. Burial followed at the Bethlehem Primitive Baptist Church cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Malcom Davis, her father Roy Moore, mother Lela Moore, daughter Peggy D Heilman, and brothers Frank and Johnny M. Moore.

Survivors include her daughters: Pamela D (Randy) Bedsole, Dothan, Ala.; Patsy D Miller, Enterprise, Ala.; son: Maxwell Davis, Dothan; brother: Robert W Moore, New-Brockton, Ala.; along with seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

## WILLIE FOSTER BANE

Mr. Willie Foster Bane, age 91, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2025, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.



Funeral services will be held at New Ebenezer Baptist Church on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025, at 3 p.m., with Rev. Randal Pearson officiating. Burial will follow in the New Ebenezer Baptist Church Cemetery under the direction of Hayes Funeral Home.

Visitation will be at New Ebenezer Baptist Church on Thursday from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The family request memorials be made to the New Ebenezer Cemetery Fund, c/o 1255 County Road 400, Elba, AL 36323.

Foster was preceded in death by his parents, Lessie and Willie Bane, along with a son-in-law, Eddie Carroll Vaughan.

Survivors include his wife: Patsy Bane, Elba; son: Stauro Foster Bane (Kimberly), Elba; daughters: Melinda Vaughan, Elba, Kristy Hickman (Rob), Fairhope, Ala.; grandsons: Bradley Bane (Sally), Elba, Judson Vaughan (Katie), Deatsville, Ala., Colton Vaughan (Katie Driggers), Elba, Luke Thomas Hickman and Levi Foster Hickman, both of Fairhope; granddaughters: Sarah Frances Bane, Hartford, Ala., Leah Gwendolyn Hickman, Fairhope; along with great-grandsons: Powell Timothy Bane and Jacks Foster Bane, both of Elba; William Carter Vaughan, Deatsville; and great-granddaughters: Bella Elizabeth Bane, Elba, and Lucy Collins Vaughan, Deatsville.



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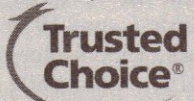
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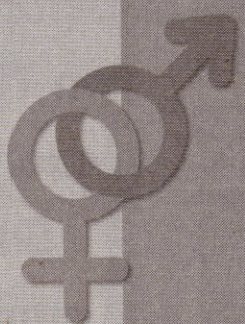
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Pre-planning a funeral (also known as preneed) is a funeral plan that is made while someone is living. Pre-planning a funeral can be done at any time. You can do it by yourself or with a family member. It can also be helpful to enlist the support of a funeral director if you have any questions or need advice about different options.

When you pre-plan you can make big decisions, such as whether you would like to be buried or cremated, where you would like the service to be held, or where you would like your final resting place to be. But you can also make smaller decisions such as what kind of food you would like served or what songs you would like played.

**Give yourself and your family peace of mind.** Many people have definite ideas about what they want or do not want to be done surrounding their death. It can provide comfort to know you have written down your desires. It can be comforting to your family knowing they are able to honor your wishes.

**Save money.** When the time comes to plan a funeral, there is often little time allowed for shopping around. Many families may rush to plan a funeral which may lead to paying higher costs. Pre-planning can allow you time to shop around and compare prices.

**Be more financially prepared.** If you know what your funeral plan will cost, you can find ways to start paying for it. You could visit a funeral home to set up a pre-need plan where you pay the costs of the funeral outright while you are still living. You could also look into other payment methods such as setting up a savings account or purchasing insurance.

**Save your family time and stress.** Grieving is already difficult. By having a plan in place, you free your family up to focus on supporting each other.

**Prevent family conflict.** When a family member passes away unexpectedly, family members are often left having to guess what they would have wanted. This can lead to disagreements. If you are concerned there may be disagreements on funeral or burial practices within your family, having a plan in place can be very helpful.

To begin pre-planning your funeral, start by writing down your thoughts and wishes. Make sure to keep your document in a safe and accessible place. If you have any questions or need advice, contact your funeral director who can help you get started.

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at [hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net](mailto:hayesfh@hayesfuneralhome.net)

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### ADVERTISEMENT FOR COMPLETION

In accordance with Chapter 1, Title 39, Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, notice is hereby given that, **Beasley Construction Services, Inc.**, Contractor, has completed the Contract for Construction of **Improvements to Zion Chapel High School Baseball & Softball Facility.** At 29256 AL - 87, Jack, AL 36346 for the State of Alabama and the Coffee County Board of Education, Owner(s), and have made request for final settlement of said Contract.

All persons having any claim for labor, materials, or otherwise in connection with this project should immediately notify **McKee & Associates, Inc., Montgomery, AL 36104** in writing. 1/9,16,23,&30-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAYNE A. CANNADY, DECEASED,

**JEFFERY D HATCHER, PETITIONER.**

CASE NO.: 24-836

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration upon the Estate of said decedent having been granted to the undersigned on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jeffery D. Hatcher  
Jeffery D. Hatcher, Administrator

Jeffery D. Hatcher  
Administrator for the Estate of Jayne A. Cannady  
Post Office Box 189  
300 South Commerce Street  
Geneva, Alabama 36340  
334-684-8524  
1/16,23&30-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARA L. WOODHAM, DECEASED

CASE NO. 25-0005

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ John Bert Woodham  
John Bert Woodham,  
Personal Representative  
1/16,23&30-chg.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR GENEVA COUNTY

### IN RE: The Estate of James Albert Alberson, Deceased

Case No 25-0004

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased have been granted to Todd Brannon, Executor (Personal Representative) on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025 by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court, Geneva County, Alabama. Notice is here-

by given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or same will be barred.

/s/ Toby L Seay  
Judge of Probate

Alfred J. Danner  
Attorney for Petitioner  
P.O. Box 33  
Geneva, AL 36340  
1/16,23&30-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

### In The Matter of the Estate of Thomas Higgins II, Deceased.

Case No.: PR-2025-004

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ana Higgins, Personal Representative, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

/s/ Jodee Thompson  
Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge  
1/16,23&30-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: MARY JANIS ALLEN, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2024-045

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Henrietta Allen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama

Rick Hollingsworth, Jr. (HOL094)  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Post Office Box 311662  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331  
(334) 347-3249  
1/16,23&30-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GARY COOPER ALLEN, DECEASED.

CASE NO.: PC-2024-046

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED BY EXECUTOR

Letters Testamentary and under the Last Will and Testament of said deceased having been granted to Henrietta Allen on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama; notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
Coffee County, Alabama

Rick Hollingsworth, Jr. (HOL094)  
Attorney for Petitioner  
Post Office Box 311662  
Enterprise, Alabama 36331

(334) 347-3249  
1/16,23&30-pd.

### PUBLIC NOTICE:

This letter gives notice of the sale of the vehicles listed below for the purpose of redeeming wrecker service, repair order and storage charges of said vehicles. The following vehicles will be available for sale at Cook Chevrolet Inc. 610 N Troy Rd Elba, AL 36323 SELL DATE December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00p.m.:

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### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

### In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES PHILLIP HAYES, III, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PC-2025-003

### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Phillip Hayes, III, having been granted to Rebecca Colquett Hayes, Personal Representative, on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Jodee R. Thompson,  
Probate Judge  
1/23,30,2/6-pd.

### IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

### IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JERRY BARTOW DELL, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2025-009

### NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Jerry Bartow Dell, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Bart Sands

Bart Sands

Personal Representative of said Estate

1/30,2/6&amp;13-pd.

More Notices on  
Page 5!

**Deadline  
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# LEGAL NOTICES: (Continued from Page 4)

## Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. STPNU-1624(250) COFFEE COUNTY, AL- ABAMA

Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery, Alabama until 10:00 AM on January 31, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Resurfacing and Traffic Stripe on CR-514 from the junction of SR-87 to the junction of SR-12 (US-84) west of New Brockton (Site 1) and on CR-515 from the junction of SR-302 west of New Brockton (Site 2). Length 6.561 mi.

The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Thirty-five (35) Working Days. A 1.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required.

A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$11.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made.

Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations.

Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith.

The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$1,142,715 To \$1,396,651. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act.

Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids.

The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the com-

plete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42

U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary; Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

**JOHN R. COOPER**  
Transportation Director  
1/16,23&30-chg.

## NOTICE OF MORT- GAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by ROBERT WAYNE BOLDING, an unmarried man, SHARON SASSER, a married woman, and JONATHAN M. WILLIS, an unmarried man, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 5, 2019, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in A/OFFR 185A, Page 520, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 19th day of February, 2025, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

One lot or parcel of land containing two acres, more or less, lying in and being a part of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the point where the northwest right of way line of the Elba-New Hope Paved Road, as the same is now located in said forty, intersects the North line of said NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and running thence in a southwesterly direction along the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; thence running in a northwesterly direction along a line perpendicular with the northwest right of way line of said road a distance of 420 feet to a point; thence running in a northeasterly direction along a line parallel with the north-

west right of way line of said road a distance of 210 feet to a point; and thence running in a southeasterly direction a distance of 420 feet to the point of beginning on the northwest right of way line of said road.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagors' default, including attorney's fees.

Please be advised that Allen C. Jones, as a debt collector, is attempting to collect the debt identified herein and that any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

**TROY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY**  
P.O. Box 967  
Troy, Alabama 36081  
MORTGAGEE

**ALLEN C. JONES**  
202 W. Walnut Street  
Troy, Alabama 36081  
ATTORNEY FOR  
MORTGAGEE  
1/16,23&30-chg.

## NOTICE OF MORT- GAGE FORECLOSURE

Default being made in the conditions of that certain mortgage executed by SHARON SASSER, a married woman, to Troy Bank and Trust Company, a banking corporation, on April 5, 2019, and being recorded in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, in A/OFFR 185A, Page 529, said Mortgagee to realize the entire indebtedness hereby will, on the 19th day of February, 2025, between the legal hours of sale at the Courthouse door in Coffee County, Alabama, Elba Division, under the powers contained in said mortgage, sell at auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at page 63, in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama.

ALSO, a lot or parcel of land lying in and being a part of the SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 32, Township 6 North, Range 20 East, and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Lot No. 1, Block A, of Cedar Ridge Subdivision in the City of Elba, Alabama, according to the plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book 1, at Page 63 in the Probate Office at Elba, Alabama, and running North 79° 08' East a distance of 50 feet to a point; thence running in a southerly direction along a line parallel with the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 135

feet, more or less, to a point on the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive; thence running South 60° 57' West along the North right of way line of Cedar Lane Drive a distance of 50 feet, more or less, to the Southeast corner of said Lot No. 1, Block A; thence running in a northerly direction along the East line of said Lot No. 1, Block A, a distance of 150 feet to the point of beginning. Together with the dwelling and other improvements thereon.

The above property is being sold "AS IS" and is subject to any and all reservations, easements, restrictions, covenants, rights of way, and all matters of record.

Said sale is made for the purpose of paying the mortgage debt, costs and expenses arising out of the mortgagor's default, including attorney's fees.

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**TROY BANK AND TRUST COMPANY**  
P.O. Box 967  
Troy, Alabama 36081  
MORTGAGEE

**ALLEN C. JONES**  
202 W. Walnut Street  
Troy, Alabama 36081  
ATTORNEY FOR  
MORTGAGEE  
1/16,23&30-chg.

## NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage dated July 2, 2003, executed by Deana J. Pierce, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Synovus Mortgage Corp., which mortgage was recorded on July 7, 2003, in OFFREC Book 231, Page 242, of the mortgage records in the Office of the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, and which mortgage was duly transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, notice is hereby given that pursuant to law and the power of sale contained in said mortgage, the undersigned will sell at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the Coffee County Courthouse at Enterprise, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on February 26, 2025, the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

LOT 7, BLOCK C, FIRST ADDITION TO WILLOW BEND SUBDIVISION, AS RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 3, PAGE 63, IN THE OFFICE OF THE JUDGE OF PROBATE, ENTERPRISE, COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA, TOGETHER WITH

## ALL IMPROVEMENTS SITUATED THEREON.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage as well as expenses of foreclosure.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the County where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to condition, title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process.

The successful bidder must tender full funds at the conclusion of the sale in the form of a certified check made payable or endorsed to Padgett Law Group. No personal checks will be accepted. To this end you must bring sufficient funds to outbid the lender and any other bidders. Insufficient funds will not be accepted.

Amounts received in excess of the winning bid will be refunded. Padgett Law Group reserves the right to award the bid to the next highest bidders should the highest bidder fail to timely tender the total amount due. U.S. Bank National Association Transferee Padgett Law Group 6267 Old Water Oak Road, Ste. 203

Tallahassee, FL 32312  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
1/23,30&2/6-chg.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF:  
TOTSY RUSHING,  
DECEASED.**  
CASE NO.: PC-2025-005

## NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, TOTSY RUSHING, having been granted to JERRY RUSHING on the 16th day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 16th day of January, 2025  
/s/Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
1/23,30 and 2/6-pd.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE:  
THE MATTER OF THE  
ESTATE OF ROBBIE H.  
PARRISH,  
DECEASED**  
CASE NO.: PR-2025-007

## NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Robbie H. Parrish, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 15th day of January, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will

be barred.

/s/ Donna P. Huffman  
Donna P. Huffman  
Personal Representative of  
said Estate  
1/23,30,2/6-pd.

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE ESTATE OF:  
Joe C. Cassady, Jr.,  
Deceased.**  
Case 71-CV-2021-900047

**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
Please take notice that a Petition for Final Settlement of the Estate of Joe C. Cassady Jr. has been filed and a hearing on said Petition for Final Settlement has been set on the 3rd day of March, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom D of the Circuit Court of Coffee County, Alabama, Enterprise Division.

/s/ Joe Calvin Cassady III  
Joe Calvin Cassady III  
Personal Representative of  
Estate  
1/30,2/6&13-pd.

## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids for the contracting of collection of garbage services will be received by the City of Elba, in the meeting room at the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama until 2:00 p.m. Central Standard Time, Friday, February 7, 2025, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud.

The work generally consists of approximately the following: the collection of garbage services for the City of Elba.

To be eligible for consideration, bids must be submitted on complete proposals made available by the Owner. Complete digital project bidding documents are available upon request to Sally Bane, City Clerk at sbane@elbaal.gov. Optional complete paper bid documents are available at Elba City Hall.; 200 Buford Street Elba, AL 36323.

All bids shall be submitted using the form provided in the bid packet. Bids not submitted with the form will not be opened. All Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope bearing on the outside the name of the Bidder, Bidder's license number, address and name of the project. Envelopes containing bids must be addressed as follows and delivered to the City Hall of Elba at 200 Buford Street; Elba, Alabama, 36323; "Collection of Garbage Services."

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any informalities, or to reject any or all bids, and to award the contract to the lowest, responsible, responsive bidder. Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form and subject to the conditions provided in the Information for Bidders. The successful bidder will be required to submit 100% performance and payment bonds.

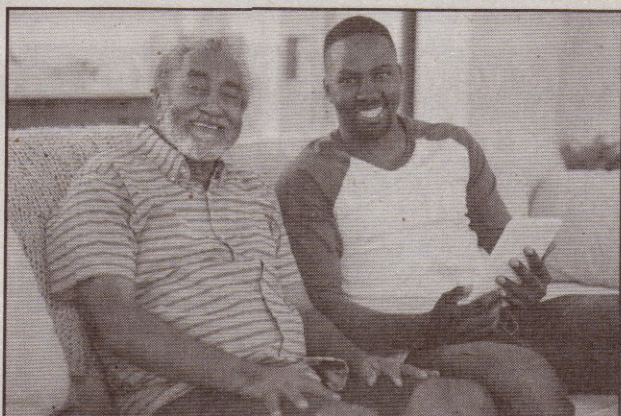
Guarantee will be required with each bid for at least 5% of the amount of the bid filed in the form of a certified check, Bid Bond, or irrevocable Letter of Credit acceptable to the owner payable to the City of Elba. Bid Bonds shall include certification that the bonding company is listed in Circular 570 of the U.S. Treasury Department. The name, address, telephone number, and contact person for the bonding company shall also be included. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 60 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. The Owner reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Bids.

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## SPORTS NEWS

## Views From

## The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*Last week's long anticipated 'snow day'* turned into a 'snow week' for many folks all across south Alabama, and while I will admit I helped my wife build a snowman, I tried to stay inside as much as possible to stay warm and avoid the arctic conditions that invaded the area. I know the kids all enjoyed getting outside, building snowmen and making snow angels. However, I have never been a fan of cold weather and am more than ready to pull back out the shorts and t-shirts.

## For what it is worth....

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers* saw their schedule change last week due to the snow and icy roads, but did get together Saturday afternoon for a trip to McKenzie and made the most of the outing as both teams posted area wins. The Tigers suffered their worst loss of the season a few weeks ago at home at the hand of McKenzie, but repaid their area rivals over the weekend and in doing so knocked McKenzie out of the area title hunt. While the Tigers haven't had the best of years on the court, they have improved by leaps and bounds in recent games and may just have a few more surprises up their sleeves before they hang up their sneakers! The Lady Tigers simply kept on beating up on any and all area rivals as they opened up a fifty-point lead in the third quarter and coasted in with the win. The Lady Tigers have already wrapped up the area title and will host the area tournament, but I am sure they are still working hard to get better and have a third straight trip to the Final Four on their calendar. Hey, don't count 'em out!

\*\*\* *The high school basketball schedule* got snowed in last week with just a couple of games being played, but as always the teams in the area put on a show for their fans. On the boys' side of the court, Brantley saw its area title hopes end with a loss to Georgiana, while New Brockton kept its title hopes alive with just two area games left on the schedule, Kinston picked up a win on the road as it keeps battling, and Zion Chapel kept looking to find its target with the regular season drawing to a close. Over with the girls, Kinston has long since clinched its area title and is looking to put the finishing touches on an undefeated regular season, while New Brockton moved back atop the area standings and has its title hopes in its own hands, Brantley slipped to third in the area and will need to pull off an upset to advance out of area play, and Zion Chapel picked up a win and is still working hard and improving every time it hits the court.

\*\*\* *I took aim at the University of Alabama* athletic department last week because of its recent financial woes, but it looks like many major college programs share the Tide's problems, with once proud UCLA reporting a deficit of over \$51 million for the 2023-2024 fiscal year. It was the sixth straight year UCLA reported a deficit in its athletic department, with the total short fall of funds in the department over those years totaling almost \$220 million. UCLA is hoping its move to the Big Ten will bring in added funding through media rights, but at the same time the school must allocate \$23 million to revenue sharing with its student-athletes, and will have to pay the University of California \$10 million a year for the next three years under an equity plan. What happened? Last year the university received \$7 million less from the Pac 12 as the began the move out, received \$6 million less from its media rights deal, ticket sales decreased \$3.78 million and donor gifts were down by \$1.6 million. It looks like the move of college sports into a 'semi-pro' league may be more costly than anyone ever thought and could very well lead to the end of college sports as we know it.

\*\*\* *In closing....* The spring sports season is just around the corner and at schools all across the state that means even more busy days ahead for students, coaches and fans. While the size of the schools does make a difference, the spring season will be even busier than ever at Elba High with varsity and junior varsity baseball, varsity and junior varsity softball, boys and girls track, and boys and girls golf teams all competing, and sharing players. There is no doubt that almost all the Elba City Schools buses will be on the road this spring.

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## Grab area road win

## Elba Tigers stun McKenzie 51-41

The Elba Tigers continued their late-season surge and moved up in the area standings Saturday afternoon with an impressive 51-41 road win over the McKenzie Tigers.

Elba came out ready to play in the area contest and scored from both the outside and inside in the opening quarter to grab a 14-11 lead. Jay Wilson and Levi Martin both hit a three-pointers in the stanza, while Jacob Watkins and Matthew McCart muscled inside for four points apiece as the Tigers grabbed the surprising early lead. Watkins continued to dominate inside in the second quarter as he scored seven points, and Javante Griggs also began to find

this range and scored four points as the Tigers carried a 28-18 lead in at the half.

Jay Wilson bombed home three three-pointers in the third quarter to help the Tigers extend their lead to 43-27, and despite hitting only two of six free-throws in the fourth quarter, Elba held on to post the big 51-41 area road win.

Jacob Watkins scored 14 points and Jay Wilson scored 12 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Javante Griggs 10, Matthew McCart 4, Levi Martin 3, Johnathan Edwards 3, Jihaad Woods 3, Laquatos Edwards 2 and Tyceson Davis 1. Skylar Sanders scored 10 points to lead McKenzie.

## Lady Tigers roll to 67-25 area win over McKenzie

The Elba Lady Tigers continued their dominance over area opponents Saturday afternoon with a lopsided 67-25 road win over the McKenzie Lady Tigers.

The Lady Tigers made the most of their return to the court after a weeklong weather break and behind the scoring of A'Lyric Whitfield and Nyasia McCollough raced out to a 16-4 first quarter advantage. Whitfield and Ana Caldwell combined for 19 points in the second quarter as Elba upped its lead to 37-14 at the half, and Caldwell added 10

points in the third quarter and Whitfield added eight as the Lady Tigers lead ballooned to 65-16. The Elba reserves managed to add only two points to the total in the final stanza, but it was more than enough as the Lady Tigers posted the big 67-25 area road win.

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 27 points and Ana Caldwell added 20 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Nyasia McCollough 6, Malaysia Williams 5, Lady Stinson 5, Jabria Burks 2 and Ayrika Caldwell 2. Hayden Bozeman scored nine points to lead McKenzie.

## Kinston and Elba ranked in 'Top 10' in girls prep poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association has released its weekly high school basketball poll with the Kinston Lady Bulldogs and Elba Lady Tigers ranked in the 'Top 10' in the 1A girls poll and the Brantley Bulldogs ranked in the 'Top 10' in the 1A boys poll.

Kinston, which upped its record to 20-0 during the week is ranked fourth in Class 1A, while Elba, which owns a 10-2 record, moved up one spot to number seven. Brantley, which owns a 17-2 record, came in at number seven in Class 1A.

The Alabama Sports Writers Association high school basketball rankings, with the 'Top 5' in each division:

## GIRLS

## CLASS 7A

1. Hillcrest-Tuscaloosa (25-0)
2. Vestavia Hills (23-2)
3. Hoover (22-4)
4. Bob Jones (18-7)
5. Auburn (21-5)

## CLASS 6A

1. Park Crossing (24-1)
2. Hazel Green (19-8)
3. Hartselle (22-3)
4. Mortimer Jordan (15-6)
5. McGill-Toolen (16-6)

## CLASS 5A

1. Scottsboro (21-4)
2. Ramsay (20-7)
3. Wenonah (22-3)
4. Moody (13-6)
5. West Point (18-4)

## CLASS 4A

1. Trinity (21-4)
2. Madison Academy (24-2)
3. Deshler (23-3)
4. Good Hope (19-5)
5. Pleasant Grove (18-5)

## CLASS 3A

1. Lauderdale Co. (23-1)
2. St. James (24-2)
3. Mars Hill Bible (18-4)
4. Midfield (21-3)
5. Hale Co. (16-6)

## CLASS 2A

1. Decatur Heritage (19-7)
2. Cold Springs (14-8)
3. Sand Rock (18-6)
4. Lanett (14-6)
5. Belgreen (19-5)

## CLASS 1A

1. Spring Garden (27-1)
2. Ider (21-4)
3. Winterboro (19-1)
4. Kinston (20-0)
5. Keith (17-5)

## BOYS

## CLASS 7A

1. Hoover (24-0)
2. Central-Phenix City (22-4)
3. Huntsville (25-1)
4. Austin (21-6)
5. Dothan (22-2)

## CLASS 6A

1. Mountain Brook (20-3)
2. Huffman (19-4)
3. Oxford (17-6)
4. Clay-Chalkville (18-7)
5. Buckhorn (17-6)

## CLASS 5A

1. Ramsay (20-7)
2. Williamson (16-3)
3. Selma (16-1)
4. East Limestone (18-5)
5. Wenonah (16-7)

## CLASS 4A

1. Fairfield (22-3)
2. Plainview (20-4)
3. Alexandria (20-3)
4. Madison Academy (18-7)
5. BTW-Tuskegee (19-4)

## CLASS 3A

1. Midfield (18-5)
2. Montgomery Academy (22-2)
3. Hale Co. (13-6)
4. Mars Hill Bible (17-5)
5. Lee-Scott (19-4)

## CLASS 2A

1. Providence Christian (21-2)
2. Abbeville (17-3)
3. Tuscaloosa Academy (13-1)
4. Decatur Heritage (13-9)
5. Section (16-6)

## CLASS 1A

1. Spring Garden (23-0)
2. Georgiana (17-4)
3. Skyline (17-5)
4. Oakwood (17-8)
5. Florala (13-1)

## AREA TOURNAMENTS

### JAN. 30 - FEB. 5

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Elba Tiger Jay Wilson (1) hit three three-pointers in the third quarter to help spark the Tigers to a 51-41 area road win ver McKenzie.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

## ROUNDBALL

## ROUNDUP

## BOYS VARSITY:

**GEORGIANA 76 BRANTLEY 59** – The Brantley Bulldogs saw their area title hopes dashed Saturday with a 76-59 loss to the Georgiana Panthers. Nasir Cheatham scored 28 points and grabbed 11 rebounds to lead the (18-4) Panthers, while Kaveon Miles added 19 points and eight steals as Georgiana wrapped up the regular season area championship.

## GIRLS VARSITY:

**ZION CHAPEL 41 PIKE LIBERAL ARTS 26** – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels posted an impressive 41-26 area road win over the Pike Liberal Arts Patriots, last Monday afternoon in Troy. Shea Wambles scored 19 points and Patylynn Davis added seven to lead the Lady Rebels.

**NEW BROCKTON 57 BULLOCK COUNTY 42** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks moved atop the area standings with an impressive 57-42 win over the Bullock County Lady Hornets. Reese Eddins scored 20 points to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Kiani Schmitz and Casey Williams added 12 points, apiece.

**GEORGIANA 62 BRANTLEY 59** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs slipped into third place in the area standings with a hard fought 62-59 loss to the Georgiana Lady Panthers. Lillie Boggan scored 21 points, grabbed 14 rebounds and handed out 10 assist to lead Georgiana, while Tiyona Bennett added 13 points.

## BOYS JV:

**KINSTON 51 EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN 8** – The Kinston Bulldogs posted an impressive 51-8 win over the Emmanuel Christian Warriors. Triston Kilpatrick scored 14 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Jackson Cowen added 12 and Ryan Bair scored nine. MJ McIntyre scored six points for the Warriors.

**PLEASANT HOME 33 KINSTON 31** – The Kinston Bulldogs dropped an exciting 33-31 road loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. Parker Weeks scored nine points to lead the Bulldogs, while Triston Kilpatrick and JD Weeks added eight points, apiece.

**DALE COUNTY 41 ZION CHAPEL 40** – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled until the final horn in a 41-40 loss to the Dale County Warriors. Trent Elrod scored 13 points to lead the Rebels, while J'Khari Stovall led Dale County with 14 points.



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# SNOW

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to fire. Also, during the time period of Tuesday, Jan. 21, to Thursday, Jan. 23, Alabama Law Enforcement Agency [ALEA] Troopers in Troops A, B, and D investigated a total of 216 traffic crashes where weather conditions were a factor. Additionally, ALEA Troopers responded to an overwhelming 712 calls for assistance relating to traffic accidents and stranded motorists.

These numbers reflect the urgency of the situation and underscore the importance of responsible driving behavior during adverse weather.

For refence, Troop A includes Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Escambia, Mobile, Monroe and Washington counties. Troop B includes Barbour, Butler, Coffee, Covington, Crenshaw, Dale, Geneva, Henry, Houston and Pike counties. Troop D includes Autauga, Bullock, Chambers, Chilton, Coosa, Elmore, Lee, Lowndes, Macon, Montgomery, Russell and Tallapoosa counties.

“Road safety can never be overstated, especially during extreme weather events such as snowstorms,” said

ALEA’s Department of Public Safety (DPS) Director Colonel Jonathan Archer. “We ask all motorists to remain alert, reduce speed, buckle up, and exercise patience when navigating inclement weather. It’s crucial for the safety of themselves and others on the road.”

ALEA Secretary Hal Taylor agreed and said, “We would also like to recognize the extensive efforts of local first responders and all our state partners who worked tirelessly during this winter weather event to help manage traffic conditions and assist those in need. We also appreciate the cooperation of citizens who sought updates on weather and roadway conditions. Staying informed is essential in making travel decisions that prioritize safety.”

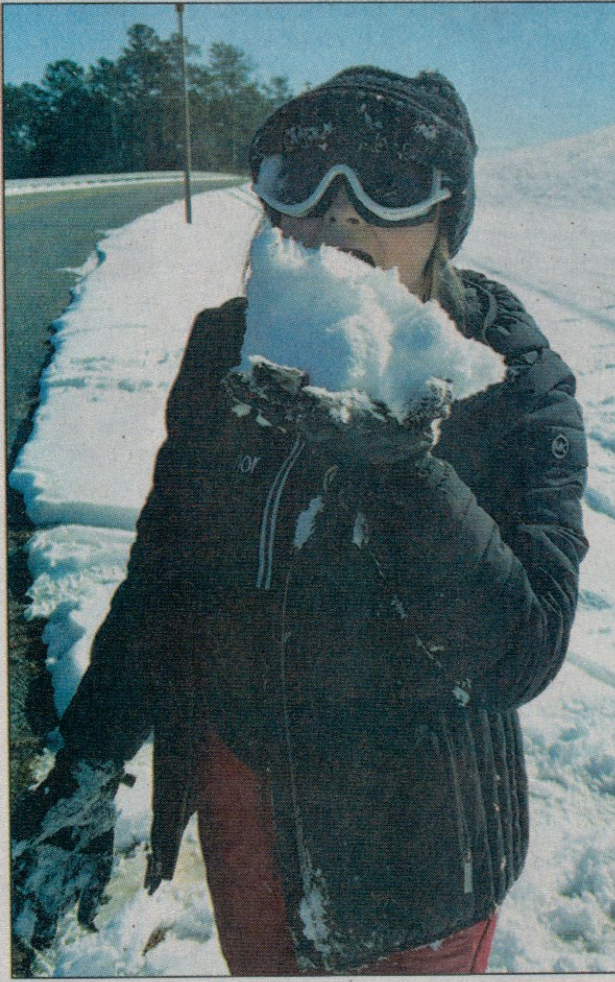
Tragically, one fatality occurred during a multi-vehicle crash on Interstate 65 in Butler County on Tuesday, Jan. 21. Weather conditions were a factor in the crash. Additionally, a 1-year-old child and another adult were injured during the same crash and transported to a local area hospital for treatment.



Coffee County Courthouse in Elba



Snow falling on Forest Lake Drive in Elba



Taylor Day thinks about eating the snow!



Chace Sauls ‘surfing’ on the ice!



A drone shot of Zion Chapel School in the snow.



Elba Post Office in the snow



Cindi Haley and Keith and Leslie Granthm with their perfectly carved snowman! It was a family effort and lots of fun they said!!

More snow photos on Page 8!



Wade and Kaye Ellis taking a stroll in the snow



More of the snow falling Tuesday, Jan. 21, on Forest Lake Drive in Elba!

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